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Field Measuring Existing Bridge Columns

The Contractor shall field measure the dimensions (diameter, or width and thickness, as appropriate for column shape) of the existing bridge columns receiving column jackets as a first order of work prior to preparing column jacket assembly shop drawings. The following locations shall be field measured as a minimum for each column:

- 1. Top of footing or footing pedestal.
- 2. Bottom of crossbeam.
- 3. Mid-height of column.

The Contractor shall field measure the column height from top of footing or footing pedestal to bottom of crossbeam for each column.

The Contractor shall tabulate these field measured dimensions and submit them to the Engineer along with the column jacket assembly shop drawings.

Where site conditions, such as traffic control requirements or deeply buried foundations, create difficulties for field measuring buried portions of the bridge columns, the Contractor may request a waiver of the pre-fabrication field measuring requirements for specific columns. If the Engineer approves the Contractor's request for a waiver of the pre-fabrication field measuring requirement for specific columns, the Contractor shall:

- Field measure the diameter, or width and thickness, as appropriate for the column shape, of the above ground portion of the column receiving the waiver, and include the field measurements in the column jacket assembly shop drawings.
- 2. Fabricate the column jacket to a length exceeding the column height based on the original plans and other available site data. The shop drawing details shall specify the column jacket fabrication length, and the assumed column height based on the available information.
- 3. Submit the method, template, and equipment used to field cut the top of the column jacket assembly at installation.

The Contractor shall submit the request for a waiver of the pre-fabrication field measuring requirement prior to preparing column jacket assembly shop drawings, and shall not submit shop drawings until completing all field measurements still required, and receiving the Engineer's approval of the waiver request.